

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE OF HAWAII
(Docket No. R-1-04)**

Pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") and other applicable laws, the Department of Health will hold public hearings to consider proposed revisions to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-54, Water Quality Standards.

The major proposed changes to Chapter 11-54 and their purposes follow by section:

11-54-01 Definitions.

The term "existing uses" is newly defined in order to clarify its use in Section 1.1, Antidegradation. The definition of State waters is amended to align with federal regulations.

11-54-01.1 Antidegradation.

This section is amended by EPA request to conform to federal antidegradation policy in 40 CFR 131.12.

11-54-8 Specific criteria for recreational areas.

This section is amended to comply with EPA-established national water quality criteria for recreational waters.

Other minor proposed changes appear below:

Correction of inadvertent typographical errors in the April 4, 2000 edition of the rule. Please see announcement in the Environmental Notice for November 2000 for a description of these errors. Also, references to regulations in 33 & 40 CFR have been updated in sections 3 and 9, and two EPA technical references in section 10 are updated to reflect the latest editions.

The public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at the following locations:

Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 5th Floor Conference Room
Hilo State Office Building, Basement, 75 Aupuni St., Hilo (via videoconference)
Kauai District Health Office, 3040 Umi St., Lihue (via videoconference)
Maui Resource Technology Center, 590 Lipoa Pkwy., Rm.B112, Kihei (via videoconference)

For security reasons, participants should arrive at the hearing sites between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Citizens who arrive after 6:30 p.m. may not be granted access to the hearing.

Copies of the proposed rules and documents explaining the proposed changes are available for public inspection Monday through Friday between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Environmental Planning Office (EPO), Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. 312, Honolulu 96814. For a copy of these documents, contact the EPO at 586-4337, send an email to bmatsunaga@eha.health.state.hi.us, fax a request to 586-4370, visit our website at www.hawaii.gov/health/eh/epo/ or mail a request to the EPO address above. The District Health Offices (DHOs) on Hawaii, Kauai and Maui also have copies of this document available for review:

Hawai'i DHO, 1582 Kamehameha Ave., Hilo, HI 96720, 808-933-0401
Kealakekua Health Office, 79-7595 Haukaupila St., Rm. 109, Kealakekua, HI 96750, 808-322-1507
Kaua'i DHO, 3040 Umi St., Lihue, HI 96766, 808-241-3323
Maui DHO, 54 High St., Wailuku, HI 96793, 808-984-8230

Persons desiring to speak at the public hearing are asked to submit two copies of their testimony before or at the hearing. Written testimony will also be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2003 at the EPO address listed above.

Any person requiring special accommodations (i.e. large print materials or a sign language interpreter) is asked to contact the Environmental Planning Office at least two weeks before the hearing. These requests may be made by writing or calling the EPO at the address or phone number above.

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